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The length of time it is taking to reach a settlement in the Microsoft case is horrible. The government has already created a very good settlement, and the states not accepting this settlement are keeping the country and economy from recovering from 9/11. Let Microsoft get back to work and keep making products that provide jobs and economic and market value.

This case is no longer for the benefit of the consumer. Consumers aren't even on some of these panels that the government has allowed. Bringing folks from AOL, Sun, and NetScape into the mix only shows that this case has nothing to do with the consumer. AOL, Sun, and NetScape, specifically need to get to work and just create competing products. Microsoft has never stopped these companies from bearing down and just trying to create better products. They have stopped themselves, and in doing so, have only stopped to whine and cry. You can't compete, if you don't even try to compete. Its like me crying to my mom, asking her to tear up my friend's picture, because he's a better artist than I am. And, when I'm older and find I still have no artistic talent, do I ask the government to burn every piece of artwork in the world because it makes me uncomfortable?

AOL for one, should be under the gun for anti-trust issues. I speak to consumers every day, and the majority of them can't understand how a company like AOL has not entered into any kind of litigation, but Microsoft is forced to be beat on by companies who give as much money to the government as Enron.

If it weren't for Microsoft, these companies would have no one to compete with. From this you can see that Microsoft and its products actually spur competition. They raise the bar, forcing companies to either compete or succumb. What US loyalist can't see that as the American way?

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